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15 37C.F.R.\$1.56.

## Dear Sir/Madam:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. The applicant wishes to make of record the document listed on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the examiner initials the cited reference on the form and that it be made of record in the application and that a copy of the initialed form be sent to the applicant with the next communication from the examiner.

Since the IDS is filed before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits, consideration of the information disclosure statement is hereby requested according to 37 C.F.R.\$1.97(b). The prior art patent contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in communications from the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office on December 19, 2002. The applicant sincerely hopes that the examiner can consider the item contained in the information disclosure

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statement.

According to the requirement set forth in 37 C.F.R.§1.98 and MPEP 609 (Rev.1, Feb. 2000), the applicant is submitting a copy of the cited reference (Taiwan Patent publication No. 356,988, "IMAGE SCANNING DEVICE") and a concise explanation of the relevance in this application hereinafter.

TP publication No. 356,988 teaches an image scanning device which is able to couple with a key TMA (Transparent Media Adapter) 2 and an ADF (Automatic Document Feeder) 3. On a housing 1 of the image scanning device is set a carriage 4, which comprises a pair of outlets 43 to couple with the TMA 2 or the ADF 3.

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Compared with the prior art cited above, the scanner according to claim 1 of the present application is capable of connecting wirelessly with at least one external device. Users can use a control panel of the external device to remotely control functionality of the scanner and use a display panel of the external device to view responses from the scanner. The present invention scanner therefore reduces a number of wires used, allows for remote control, and offers versatility in operator security and information transfer.

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TP publication No. 356,988 does not teach or suggest that the image scanning device is capable of connecting wirelessly with at least one external device. It is therefore put forward that TP publication No. 356,988 fails to teach or suggest all limitations disclosed in claim 1 of the present application. A quick correspondence of this communication is sincerely requested.

Sincerely yours,

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